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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LOAN TO FINANCE MEDICAL-SANITARY
SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS IN REPUBLIC OF BENIN

1) SUMMARY: AFDF MANAGEMENT PROPOSES 5 MILLION FUND UNIT OF
ACCOUNT(FUA-US \$1.11) LOAN TO GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO FINANCE A PORTION OF A PROJECT DESIGNED TO
DEVELOPE THE MEDICAL-SANITARY SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS OF THE
COUNTRY. PROJECT INCLUDES:

A) CONSTRUCTION OF 4 RURAL HEALTH CENTERS AND IMPROVEMENT
OF 6 EXISTING RURAL HEALTH CENTERS.

B) IMPROVEMENT OF 20 RURAL DISPENSARIES.

C) EXPANSION OF THE PHYSICAL PLANT OF PARAKOO HEALTH SCHOOL.

D) EQUIPPING OF HEALTH CENTERS, DISPENSARIES, AND THE PARAKOU

E) PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING OF
MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

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TOTAL COST OF PROJECT ESTIMATED AT FUA 5.6 MILLION TO BE CO-FINANCED
BY AFDF AND GOB.

2) AFDF DOC BD/77/42 AND ATTACHMENTS DESCRIBING LOAN POUCHED TO
ADDRESSEES JUNE 8. BOARD CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27.

3) AFDF MANAGEMENT PROPOSES FUA 5 MILLION LOAN TO GOB TO FINANCE

PORTION OF COST OF PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL FACILITIES FOR HEALTH CARE OF THE RURAL POPULATION. PROJECT ALSO AIMS AT INCREASING LEVEL OF PREVENTIVE MEDICAL CARE. MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE EQUIPPED AND WILL ALSO RECEIVE ADEQUATE STAFFING THROUGH EXTENSION OF EXISTING RURAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM. PROJECT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF 10 RURAL HEALTH CENTERS, AND UPGRADING OF 20 SATELLITE DISPENSARIES. ALL OF THE DISPENSARIES ARE SATELLITE TO THE HEALTH CENTERS FINANCED BY THE PROJECT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO WHICH ARE SATELLITE TO A HEALTH CENTER BEING FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA. CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN FINANCED AND AFDF FINANCED CENTERS ARE BEING STANDARDIZED. EACH HEALTH CENTER WILL BE 1,443 SQ. MS. CONSISTING OF A 30 BED HOSPITAL AREA, A SURGERY AREA, A DENTAL AREA, AN OUT-PATIENT DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT AREA, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SQ. MS. OF STAFF LODGING WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT EACH CENTER. THE 20 SATELLITE DISPENSARIES EACH INCLUDE A DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT WARD, AND IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, A PHARMACY, A SMALL LABORATORY, AND A 12 BED MATERNITY AND PRE-NATAL CHILD HEALTH WARD. EQUIPMENT IN THE CENTERS AND DISPENSARIES IS STANDARDIZED ACCORDING TO WHO CRITERIA. THE HEALTH CENTERS AND SATELLITE DISPENSARIES ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT ELEVEN DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY, WITH A COMBINED POPULATION OF 632,000. THE AFDF PROJECT ALSO PROVIDES FOR EXPANSION OF THE PARAKOU MULTI-DISCIPLINARY HEALTH SCHOOL. THE PROJECT WILL INCREASE TOTAL ENROLLMENT CAPACITY FROM 184 TO 384 STUDENTS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF THE FOLLOWING: A) ENLARGEMENT OF TWO LECTURE HALLS FROM SEATING CAPACITY OF 60 TO A CAPACITY OF 100 B) A DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING FACILITY WITH SIX DENTAL CHAIRS AND A SMALL PROTHESIS

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LABORATORY AND C) A 160 STUDENT DORMITORY COMPLETE WITH STUDY ROOM AND A CAFETERIA CAPABLE OF SERVING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF 384 PLUS FACULTY. THE CAFETERIA IS DESIGNED TO ALSO SERVE AS AN ACTIVITY HALL/ THE SCHOOLS CURRICULUM IS CURRENTLY

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LIMITED TO THE TRAINING OF NURSING ASSISTANTS. THE PROJECT WILL ASSIST IN EXPENDING THE CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE TRAINING OF SANITARY ENGINEERS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS. COMMENCING IN 1980, ANNUAL OUPUT OF TRAINED PERSONNEL WILL REACH 132, CONSISTING OF 100 NURSING ASSISTANTS, 20 SANITARY ENGINEERS, AND 12 DENTAL ASSISANTS. CURRENT OUPUT CONSISTS OF 60 NURSING ASSISTANTS ANNUALLY. TO ASSIST IN THE CURRICULUM EXPANSION, THE PROJECT PROVIDES 10 MAN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIPS FOR KEY INSTRUCTORS. ALL ELEMENTS OF PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE YEAR 1980.

4) AFDF LOAN WILL FINANCE 89 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST WITH THE REMAINDER BEING FINANCED BY THE GOB. AFDF WILL INANCE FUA 3.39 MILLION OF FOREX AND FUA 1.61 MILLION OF LOCAL COST. GOB WILL FINANCE FUA .4 MILLION O FOREX AND FUA .2 MILLION OF LOCAL COST. COST ESTIMATES INCLUDE 16 PERCENT ALLOWANCE FOR PRICE ESCALATION AND 5 PERCENT FOR PHYSICAL CONTIGENCY. SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR TO EFFECT CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT OF PROJECT (FUA 3.25 MILLION) TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING. HOWEVER,DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN ATTRACTING INTERNATIONAL BIDS FOR SMAL PROJECTS IN BENIN, MANAGEMENT PROPOSES TO LIMIT ANNOUNCEMENT TO BENIN AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICAL CENTERS AND DISPENSARIES WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM UNICEF WAREHOUSE IN COPENHAGEN. AFDF LOAN PROPOSED AT 50 YEARS AMORTIZATION INCLUDING TEN YEARS GRACE, 0.75 PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE. GOB TO BE BORROWER, MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO BE EXECUTING AGENCY.

5) THE POPULATION OF BENIN IS ESTIMATED AT 3.3 MILLION, OF WHICH 86 PERCENT OR 2.8 MILLION IS FOUND IN THE RURAL AREAS. THE GOVERN-
MENT IS WORKING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION O A PLAN WHEREBY THE FIRST LINK IN THE RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM IS THE VILLAGE HEALTH UNIT.A VILLAGE AGENT WILL BE NOMINATED IN EACH VILLAGE AND GIVEN A TWO WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE AT THE NEAREST HEALTH CENTER. THE AGENT WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASICS IN HYGINE,

DISEASE DETECTION, AND VACCINATION, AND WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES. IF A PATIENT REMAINS ILL LONGER THAN 48 HOURS, OR IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCY, THE VILLAGE AGENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVACUATING THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE NEXT LINK IN THE RURAL HEALTH CARE CHAIN, THE SATELLITE DISPENSARY.

THE DISPENSARY MAKES DIAGNOSIS AND CARRIES OUT PRIMARY TREATMENT. A PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISPENSARY IS MATERNITY AND CHILD CARE. THE FINAL STAGE IN THE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS THE HEALTH CENTER, WHICH TOGETHER WITH ITS 6 TO 8 DISPENSARIES COVERS THE DISTRICT LEVEL. THE CENTERS OFFER PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND PROVIDE SECONDARY TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS TRANSMITTED FROM THE SATELLITE DISPENSARIES. THE CENTERS ARE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CEES-AREAN SECTIONS AND PROBLEMATIC DELIVERIES, APPENDICITIS, ETC., AND THEY ALSO ORGANIZE VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS AND PLAN SEWERAGE DISPOSAL AND WATER SUPPLY FOR THE VILLAGES. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 248 DISPENSARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EACH SERVING APPROXIMATELY 11,000 RURAL INHABITANTS. BY THE YEAR 1985, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO BUILD ANOTHER 110 DISPENSARIES THEREBY PROVIDING ONE FOR EACH 9,000 PEOPLE. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 34 HEALTH CENTERS. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 9 CENTERS BY 1985, EACH SERVING AN AVERAGE OF 60,000 PEOPLE.

6) THE PROJECT IS A RESULT OF COMBINED AFDF/WHO APPRAISAL
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MISSION. PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES TO 730,000 PEOPLE. TRAINING COMPETENT WILL INCREASE THE OUTPUT OF HEALTH PERSONNEL BY 23 PERCENT THROUGH 1985. PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A BETTER PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE HEALTH PROGRAM TO RURAL POPULATION. STEARNS

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